

**Amendments to the Claims are as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A printer able to select and print arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with a making date,

wherein, in a case where printing processing is started, when automatic printing information for automatically printing a set of image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium, printing according to the automatic printing information is executed, and when said automatic printing information is not recorded, the making dates of the plural image data are compared and ~~at least one item of image data starting from a~~ the newest image data of the plurality of image data is printed.

2. (Previously Presented) The printer according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium is the recording medium of a digital camera.

3. (Previously Presented) The printer according to claim 1, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

4. (Currently Amended) A printing method of a printer for selecting and printing arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with a making date, the method comprising:

in a case where printing processing is started, printing according to automatic printing information when the automatic printing information for automatically printing a set of image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium; and

comparing the making dates of the plural image data and printing ~~at least one item of image data starting from a~~ the newest image data of the plurality of image data when said automatic printing information is not recorded.

5. (Original) The printer according to claim 2, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

6. (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:
  - a CPU (central processing unit) that reads a plurality of image data recorded on a recording medium and executes controls for printing at least one image data of the plurality of image data;
  - an image data selecting section connected to the CPU that, when printing processing is started, selects the at least one image data, the image data selecting section retrieving whether automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium, and
    - selects the at least one image data selected from the automatic printing information when the automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium,
    - compares making dates of the plurality of image data and selects the ~~at-least-one-image-data-starting-from-image~~ data having a newest making date when the automatic printing information is not recorded on the recording medium;
  - a driving section that accepts commands from CPU for printing the at least one image data; and
  - a recording head connected to the driving section and that prints the at least one image data.
7. (Original) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said recording medium is the recording medium of a digital camera.
8. (Original) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.
9. (Original) The printer according to claim 7, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.